

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Int. Cl.		
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 5 sheets, as follows:
 - ☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
 - ☐ sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-14 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- pages* received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 15-19 received by this Authority on 18 November 2005 with the letter of 18 November 2005
- pages* received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1/5-5/5 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- pages* received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The cited prior art in the International Search Report do not disclose or fairly suggest an apparatus, a computer controlled process or a method as defined by independent claims 1, 11 and 15 respectively.

Therefore the subject matter of these claims and appended claims is new and meets the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT with regard to novelty.

The claimed invention is not obvious in the light of any of the cited documents nor is it disclosed in any obvious combination of them. It is also considered that it would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of common general knowledge either by itself or in combination with any of these documents.

Therefore the subject matter of these claims is not obvious and meets the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT with regard to inventive step.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER Int. Cl. ⁷ : B65D 88/26, 88/54, B65G 47/19 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI IPC B65D 88/54, 88/26, B65G 47/19 & keywords: hopper, valve, flow, raise and similar terms.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Derwent Abstract Accession No. 99-296279/25, Class Q34, JP 11100091 A (TSUKISHIMA KIKAI CO LTD) 13 April 1999 Abstract	1-18
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X	GB 2256427 A (B & K ENGINEERING CO) 9 December 1992 Page 6, lines 15-22; figures 1, 2	1-5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18
X	EP 498474 B1 (DEERE & COMPANY ET AL) 1 March 1995 Whole document	1-5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18
X	EP 389919 B1 (DEERE & COMPANY ET AL) 4 August 1993 Whole document	1-5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18
X	Derwent Abstract Accession No. L3095 E/34, Class Q34, SU 874497 (AGRIC CONS DES RES) 28 October 1981 Abstract	1-5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member					
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JP	2003231587						
SU	1271789						
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EP	1038802	AU	20834/00	BR	0001407	CN	1268475
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EP	0498474	AR	247965	AU	19557/92	AU	19558/92
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		LV	10140	PL	284483	US	5029624
		US	5060701	US	5125438	US	5224527
		US	5379812	ZA	9002314		
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